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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT
OF UNION DUES.

1. BY LETTER DATED DECEMBER 18, 1973, THE INTERNATIONAL
OFFICE OF POSTAL UNION OF THE AMERICAS AND SPAIN (PUAS)
HAS INFORMED THE US POSTAL SERVICE OF GON REQUEST TO PUAS
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR EXEMPTION FROM 1973 AND 1974 SUPPORT
DUES. THESE DUES TOTAL ABOUT \$12,300 IN 1973 AND SLIGHTLY
MORE IN 1974. GON REQUEST MADE ON GROUNDS THAT MANAGUA
EARTHQUAKE HAS CAUSED A CRITICAL SITUATION IN REVENUES.
PUAS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (OF WHICH U.S. NOT MEMBER) PASSED
A RESOLUTION CALLING ON EACH OF 22 OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES
TO AGREE TO TAKE OVER ONE/TWENTY-SECOND PART OF GON DUES,
AND HAS NOW QUERIED EACH MEMBER COUNTRY IF THEY WOULD BE
WILLING TO DO SO.

2. ALTHOUGH ACTUAL FUNDS INVOLVED ARE MINIMAL, USG NOT
DISPOSED TO SUPPORT THIS REQUEST IN VIEW OF UNFORTUNATE
PRECEDENT IF WOULD SET; FACT THAT GON REVENUES ARE
PERFECTLY ADEQUATE TO MEET THIS CHARGE AND OUR FEELING
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THAT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY US AND OTHERS HAS PROVIDED

"TANGIBLE PROOF OF SOLIDARITY WITH NICARAGUAN PEOPLE
IN THIS DISASTER."

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT SHORTLY AFTER EARTH-
QUAKE GON CONSIDERED FEASIBILITY OF ASKING FOR A TWO
YEAR MORATORIUM ON ALL ITS OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND
OBLIGATIONS BUT NEVER FORMALLY REACHED A DECISION.
NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR TO US RAISED THIS INFORMALLY
IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLY REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR
RESOLUTION EXCUSING GON FROM UN ASSESSMENTS "AS WAS
DONE WITH PHILIPPINES." SEVILLA SACASA WAS
INFORMALLY DISCOURAGED AND IN FACT PHILIPPINES
WERE NOT ABSOLVED FROM PAYMENT.

4. US DELEGATION TO UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN BERN FEB. 11-23 WILL
CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS. EMBASSY
VIEWS AND COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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